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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH ACTING OAU SEC GEN KAMANDA:  
THE OAU CM

REFS: (A) ADDIS 2234; (B) ADDIS 2120; (C) ADDIS 1987;  
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FOLLOWING THE TRANSACTION DESCRIBED IN REF A, POL COUNSELOR  
INVITED KAMANDA TO COMMENT ON THE JUST CONCLUDED ADDIS OAU CM.

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KAMANDA, WHO MUST BE FULLY PROTECTED, MADE THE FOLLOWING

SALIENT POINTS:

1. TANZANIAN FONMIN MALECELA' PRESENTATION OF RECENT TANZANIAN, ZAMBIAN, ETC., DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA INTERACTED WITH SOUTH AFRICAN DIALOGUE INITIATIVES TO PRODUCE A SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT ATMOSPHERE AT THE OAU CM. THIS ULTIMATELY LED TO THE DECISION TO CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY OAU MEETING AT DAR IN APRIL, IN WHICH THE QUESTION HOW TO DEAL WITH THE FURTHER DECOLONIZATION OF CAPRICORN AFRICA WOULD BE THOROUGHLY THRASHED OUT. MALECELA'S ACCOUNT OF ZAMBIAN, TANZANIAN, ETC., INITIATIVES HAD RAISED PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THEIR UNILATERAL NATURE, THAT IS BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY COORDINATED WITH THE OAU AND CONFLICTED WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S POSTURE AGAINST DIALOGUE WITH THE "RACIST REGIMES" OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. MANY OAU GOVERNMENTS HAD ACCORDINGLY RESENTED THESE INITIATIVES. ALTHOUGH MALECELA'S EXPOSE HAD BEEN BRILLIANT, THE REACTION HAD BEEN CLEAR ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM DRAW BACK INTO A SUBTLER POSTURE AS THE DEBATE PROCEEDED. WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR THE LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR TO READ TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S MESSAGE ON THE VORSTER VISIT, THE TONE HAD BEEN SET. WHEN AMBASSADOR KING HAD FINISHED READING TOLBERT'S MESSAGE, THERE WAS SILENCE FOLLOWED BY THE CHAIRMAN'S SIMPLE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION WITHOUT ANY COMMENT WHATSOEVER.

2. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF (UNSPECIFIED) SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAD ALSO REACTED ADVERSELY TO INITIATIVES PERCEIVED AS HAVING BEEN TAKEN "OVER THEIR HEADS, AS IT WERE, KAMANDA FELT THAT THE PURSUIT OF SUCH INITIATIVES IN FUTURE COULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IN THIS AREA IN THAT IT MIGHT LEAD THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TO CEASE TO OPERATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK AGREED BY THE OAU " AND TO STRIKE OUT ON THEIR OWN." FOR EXAMPLE, SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (UNSPECIFIED) HAD ASKED WHY VOSTER SHOULD COOPERATE WITH SMITH IN DRAWING THE RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS INTO A DIALOGUE WHILE THEY WERE IGNORED.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE SPANISH ENCLAVES, KAMANDA SAID THAT MOROCCO'S FONMIN LARAKI HAD MADE A FULL PRESENTATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS TO THE COUNCIL. THESE HAD BEEN STRONGLY APPLAUDED AND A SUPPORTIVE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN VOTED. ALGERIA  
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HAD JOINTED IN THIS SUPPORT. WITH RESPECT TO THE SPANISH SAHARA, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COUNCIL HAD LARGELY ENDORSED THE POSITION LAST TAKEN BY MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO AT THE UN. ON THE REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL, THIS HAD BEEN SANCTIONED AT THE DISCRETION OF INDIVIDUAL OAU MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

4. ON FTAI, THE CM HAD AGREED TO FOSTER THE COOPERATION/CONSOLIDATION OF THE SEVERAL EXISTING LIBERATION

MOVEMENTS AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CHOICE OF A SINGLE LOCATION FOR THEIR DIRECTION.

5. REGARDING AFRO/ARAB COOPERATION, THERE HAD BEEN UNANIMITY OF SUPPORT FOR ITS CONTINUATION IN PRINCIPLE, THOUGH MANY SUB-SAHARAN DELEGATIONS HAD RESERVATIONS ON HISTORICAL, FINANCIAL OR OTHER GROUNDS. THE COUNCIL HAD, HOWEVER, DECIDED TO ENLARGE THIS COOPERATION FROM ITS CURRENT NARROW FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC BASE BY ADDING AN INSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL DIMENSION. THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN TO TAILOR THE SCOPE OF THIS COOPERATION TO CONFORM TO THAT PREVAILING IN NON-ALIGNED ORGANISMS. SPECIFICS WERE, FOR THE MOST PART, PUT OFF TO AN EARLY AFRO/ARAB SUMMIT, ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN AGREED TO CREATE A STAFF FOR AFRO/ARAB COOPERATION WITHIN THE OAU SECRETARIAT.

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